

RECOGNIZING THE JACOB MILLER
TAVERN ON ITS HISTORICAL
MARKER DEDICATION

HON. STEVE AUSTRIA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 9, 2010

Mr. AUSTRIA. Madam Speaker, on behalf of the people of Ohio's Seventh Congressional District, I am honored to recognize the Jacob Miller Tavern on the occasion of its historical marker dedication.

In 1806, this tavern, a two story hewn log structure was built by Jacob Miller. This building was recently purchased with the purpose of restoring this building to its original condition.

Somerset is famous for their local native General Philip Sheridan. The Jacob Miller Tavern will be another landmark that Somerset will be known for.

The Historical Society of Perry County and the Perry County Historical Museum are to be commended for their many years of support for Somerset and the Somerset National Register Historic District. Thus, it is with great pride that I congratulate them on this great occasion and extend best wishes for the future.

RECOGNIZING THE DEDICATED
SERVICE OF UNITED STATES
AIRMAN LIEUTENANT COLONEL
RICKEY O. HARRINGTON

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 9, 2010

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and pay tribute to Lieutenant Colonel Rickey O. Harrington, for 22 years of exceptional service and dedication to the United States Air Force.

Colonel Harrington will be retiring from active duty on September 30, 2010. He has most recently served as the Pentagon's Chief of Air Force Reserve Directorate of Personnel for the Chief Force Support and Sustainment Branch.

As a native of Itta Bena, Mississippi, Colonel Harrington entered the Air Force in 1988 as a distinguished graduate of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps at Mississippi Valley State University.

In October 1988, then Second Lieutenant Harrington began his career as a Personnel Officer in the Consolidated Base Personnel Office at Bergstrom Air Force Base, Texas.

In September of 1990 Colonel Harrington became newly promoted First Lieutenant Harrington and was deployed to Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm as Chief, Personnel Support Contingency Operations Team at Al Minhad Air Base, United Arab Emirates providing the full scale support to nearly 3,000 airmen.

Colonel Harrington would go on after this deployment to serve in a variety of staff and leadership positions both stateside and overseas. During his career he has served as a Section Commander, Executive Officer, Squadron Commander, Inspector and Action Officer at the wing and Headquarters level. Most notably, he was on-duty as Executive Officer to the Director of Personnel Accountability at the Air Force Personnel Center responsible for running the Air Force Casualty Operations Center during the bombing of Khobar Towers where 19 brave service men lost their lives and during the airplane crash in Germany carrying then Secretary of Commerce Ron Brown. During this crisis, Colonel Harrington ensured that all levels of leadership were kept abreast of ongoing issues and ensured humane and dignified notification of next of kin while honoring the memory of those who fell in these tragedies.

He also served as the Deputy Support Group Commander at Khandahar Air Base, Afghanistan in 2003 in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Over the past 4 years Colonel Harrington has worked tirelessly on behalf of the Air Force Reserve as the lone active duty member on their Personnel Staff.

As the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan have led to increased use of our reserve forces, he has championed many initiatives, both in policy and in law, that have enhanced recruiting, retention, benefits and entitlements for these dedicated airmen.

His efforts have helped to sustain a viable, ready trained force capable of meeting the needs of Combatant Commanders to protect our Nation and achieve objectives of national interest.

In addition to upholding the highest standards of professional conduct as a military officer, Colonel Harrington has also labored to enhance the communities he's lived in through his affiliation with various churches, civic organizations and as a life member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated.

Madam Speaker, I ask my Colleagues to join me in expressing our sincere thanks to Colonel Harrington and his family for their unwavering support of our country and their dedication to preserving our Nation's freedom. Congratulations, and thank you for your service.

TRIBUTE TO GARY WAUTERS

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Gary Wauters of West Marshall, Iowa who is celebrating his retirement from the West Marshall Community School District.

Gary, the only art teacher in the West Marshall School District, devoted 40 years to facilitating his students' creativity in the classroom. Gary takes pride in the work his stu-

dents have produced over the years, especially stained glass artwork, which was a staple in his curriculum. In his retirement, Gary plans to continue his artwork in his home studio.

I commend Gary Wauters for his dedication to the students he has taught over the years and to the West Marshall School District. Gary inspired thousands of students to embrace their creativity and the lessons he taught will influence people for ages to come. I am honored to represent Gary and his family in the United States Congress and I wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors.

COMMENDING WEBSTER CITY
SCHOOL DISTRICT RETIREES

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 9, 2010

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the retirement of sixteen exemplary teachers and staff members from the Webster City School District of Webster City, Iowa and to express my appreciation for their dedication and commitment to these schools and their community.

Collectively these sixteen teachers and staff retirees have served the school district for 440 years. Among these notable faculty members: Linda Moenck served for 31 years, Dave Niggemeyer taught in the district for 35 years, Debra Niggemeyer as well as Gayle Olson served 32 years, Carolee Woodward taught in the Webster City Schools for 41 years, Donna Foster served for 24 years, JoAnn Robb as well as Sally Crouch served 30 years in the district, Mike Larson served 35 years, Gary Moenck has served 34 years, Faith McDowell served 12 years, Holly Riemenschneider taught for 9 years, John Kidney served the district for 39 years, Sharon Conder served 9 years in the district's food services department, Karen Draeger served for 26 years, and Nancy Spire served 21 years in the Webster City Schools.

These educators and faculty and their dedicated service underscores the value that Iowa has always placed on education. Every student who has gone to school in Iowa knows a great teacher or faculty member like this group of sixteen, and every community in the state does everything it can to make sure students have the best possible chance to succeed. Iowans know that the best way to invest in the future of our state is to invest in the education of our children.

I consider it an honor to represent these sixteen distinguished teachers and staff members of the Webster City Schools in the United States Congress, and I wish them all a long, happy and healthy retirement as they continue to serve their community.